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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 7715

AMEMBASSY ATHENS

AMCONSUL FRANKFURT

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 5254

FRANKFURT FOR FRDCO

BANGKOK FOR BRDCO

DEPT FOR OC/P AND A/SY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC, ACOM

SUBJECT: ROUTE 200 COURIER SCHEDULE CHANGE

REF: (A) BANGKOK 6719; (B) BEIRUT 4889; (C) BANGKOK 6812

(D) STATE 090757

1. RSO HAS EXAMINED BANGKOK'S PROPOSED CHANGE OF ROUTE 200 COURIER SCHEDULE. PROTECTION OF POUCHES AT BEIRUT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF GOL CUSTOMS INSISTENCE THAT ALL EMBASSIES BRING POUCHES IN AND OUT THROUGH NORMAL PASSENGER SERVICE AREAS. PHYSICAL LAYOUT OF AIRPORT AND PROCEDURES IN EFFECT MAKE IT VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP POUCHES UNDER CONTROL OF ONE C&R EMPLOYEE.

2. RSO ALSO BELIEVES IT WOULD BE UNWISE FROM SECURITY VIEWPOINT TO HAVE COURIER REMAIN IN TRANSIT LOUNGE WITH POUCHES.

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3. RSO IS CONCERNED THAT HIGH VISIBILITY OF COURIER'S  
ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES COULD GIVE IDEAS TO PERSONS  
WITH INTERESTS INIMICAL TO OURS, E.G., "HIJACKING"  
COURIER POUCHES EN ROUTE FROM AIRPORT TO EMBASSY.  
IT MUST BE EMPHASIZED THAT THERE IS NO THREAT  
INFORMATION WHATSOEVER ON THIS SUBJECT BUT HIGH  
VISIBILITY UNDER PROCEDURES DEMANDED BY GOL CUSTOMS  
AND ROUTINE OF COURIER SCHEDULES COULD INTENSIFY  
OUR VULNERABILITY.  
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